



School Newsletter

Friday 7th February 2025



Happy Friday everyone!

I hope you are all keeping well. Next week is our last week before the half term break. Children finish on Friday 14th February (normal school times) and we return on Monday 24th February (normal school times). As usual, here are a few notices and reminders to keep you up to date:

After School Club Closure

As previously advised, After School Club will be **closed next Wednesday (12th February)** for staff development.



Home Learning for this weekend

Next week, we are learning about Jack and the Beanstalk. At home, use items that you can find to **make your own model of a beanstalk**. How tall will it be? How wide? Are there clouds at the top? Is there a castle? Help your child to make a model and **bring it into school next week** to share with their friends.

Safeguarding - Pantosaurus

As part of our commitment to keeping all children safe, teachers will be revisiting 'Pantosaurus' next week. Developed with children, parents, carers and teachers, Talk PANTS **helps children to understand that their body belongs to them**, and they should tell a safe adult they trust if anything makes them feel upset or worried. You can search for 'NSPCC Underwear Rule' to find out more.

Grapes and tomatoes

Following the guidance sent home last week, unfortunately, lunchtime staff are still finding grapes and tomatoes in lunch boxes that have not been cut into quarters. These present a choking risk. Please cut lengthways and then in half again to make small quarters. Unfortunately, **we will need to send home fruit that has not been cut in this way** from next week.

Parent Workshop & Coffee Morning with Miss Tinsley

Come along next **Thursday 13th February, 9am till 10.30am**. Miss Tinsley will be hosting a coffee morning/workshop for parents to come along and talk about promoting communication. Miss Tinsley will also be talking about encouraging children to give up their dummies!

You do not have to have a child in Miss Tinsley's class to attend. Miss Tinsley is leading the coffee morning for parents of children in all classes.

Friendship Day (Valentine's Day)

Saint Valentine's Day is a day for grown-ups to celebrate romantic love. This concept can be confusing and is not appropriate for children. For this reason, we are having **a day to celebrate friendship** on Friday and we will be doing lots of nice activities to celebrate the wonderful friendships we have made in school.

NELI Preschool

Next week, children will be reading the story '**Jack and the Beanstalk**' in class. They will be learning about the meanings and usage of the Special Words:

- **decide**
- **swap**
- **follow**
- **yell**



Please access further information on our school website. Scroll down to the bottom of the main page and click on the tile that says NELI Preschool. Find the correct information newsletter for further ideas of how to support your child's learning at home.

Winter coats

Please continue to ensure your child has **a nice warm coat with a hood for school**. Gloves are **not suitable** for school as they become damp and wet outside as children play and learn. This makes for a very miserable experience. In cold and damp weather, children will only go outdoors for limited amounts of time with lots of opportunities to warm up.

Attendance and Timekeeping

This is the time of year when children pick up bugs. If your child is too poorly sick to come to school, the best place for them is at home resting. This allows them to make a swift recovery and prevents the spread of illness to other children.

Please ring the school office and let Joanne Jones know that they won't be in **on the first day of absence**. As a maintained nursery school, we follow the safeguarding procedures and policies of Liverpool City Council. **Any unexplained absences may be followed up as a safeguarding concern**.

Names on all belongings / lost property basket

Many of the names on children's belongings are fading. Please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name. Please check the **lost property basket** in the library area for any un-named missing items.

Safer Internet Day

We will be learning about **how to keep safe online** on Tuesday for Safer Internet Day. How safe are your settings at home? Are your parental filters set correctly for the television, phone and tablets? Are your own social media accounts locked down to prevent strangers accessing information about your family and children? It is always good to keep on top of these settings as social media platforms regularly change security settings, which may leave your accounts with less protection from strangers who you may not want to view your posts and stories. For further information, please visit <https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2025>

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 11th February	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 12th February	After School Club closed today
Thursday 13th February	Parent Coffee Morning with Miss Tinsley, 9am start
Friday 14th February	Friendship Day
Friday 14th February	Children finish for half term break (normal times)
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Monday 24th February	Children return to school (normal times)
Tuesday 4th March	Pancake Day
Thursday 6th March	World Book Day (details to follow)
Thursday 13th March	Wear Blue for Bobby Day (details to follow)

Thank you all for your continued support. If you have any issues at all, please do not hesitate to speak to me on the school gate in the morning and I will always listen and do my best to help.

Should you wish to speak with me confidentially, please ring the school office to arrange a telephone appointment or you can drop me an email me at ht@eastprescotroadnursery.co.uk

Have a lovely weekend.

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